

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing, reexamination and further and favorable consideration of the subject application in light of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

During Interference No. 104,821, new claims 66 and 67 were proposed to be added in the subject application. The "Proposed Amendment" which added claims 66 and 67 was ordered to be entered by the Board of Appeals and Interferences. However, because the "Proposed Amendment" was not signed, an Office Communication was mailed on April 27, 2005 requiring a signature.

Subsequent to the date in which the "Proposed Amendment" was originally submitted in the interference, the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office changed the format for amendments. Accordingly, the present amendment has been formatted in accordance with the current rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office which includes a complete claim listing and showing claims 66 and 67 as "new" claims.

Support for new claims 66 and 67 can be found throughout the originally filed application and in the priority application. For example, the added claims are specifically supported at least at page 6, lines 11-24, page 7, lines 3-11, page 10, lines 24-32, page 11, lines 26-35, page 12, lines 18-27, and by claims 1, 7, 8, 26 and 30 of the application as filed. No prohibited new matter has been added by the present amendment.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested and such action is earnestly solicited.

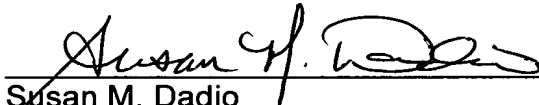
In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment and Reply, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would

telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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